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DE 101 22 514 discloses that the rinsing device (5) has the walls which come into contact with the rinsing medium supplied to the working drum (1) of the laundry or dish washing machine at least partially provided with a self-cleaning structured surface, e.g. a micro-structured surface, provided during manufacture or via a subsequent surface treatment.

DE 1 460 837 discloses a detergent dispensing device for automatic washing machines, consisting essentially of a trough-shaped detergent receptacle with a water inlet oriented towards the base of the receptacle and arranged in the vicinity of one of its two end walls, and an outlet nozzle arranged on the underside of its base in the vicinity of the other end wall, characterized in that the outlet nozzle (8) incorporates an extension of equal cross-section to the latter (10) which extends upwards into the detergent receptacle (1), the said extension being closed by a cover which incorporates a number of perforations or slots (12, 13) and perforated on its reverse side, i.e. the part of its circumference facing away from the water inlet (4, 5), by numerous vertical slots (11).

EP 0 702 104 discloses that a top-loading washing machine comprises openings (2) leading from the interior of the washing soln. container (6) to the washing machine interior

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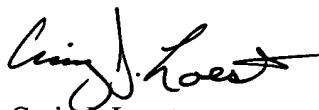
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through a rubber siphon (1). The openings (2) are located above the free outlet of the washing soln. container (6) and the water flushing system (7).

DE 196 19 602 discloses a washing machine (1) has a flushing tub housing (5) for a pull-out detergent drawer. The housing (5) has an opening (6) at the bottom for the discharge of the water/detergent mixture. The opening (6) of the housing (5) is divided into a flushing section (11) for the mixture and a ventilation section (12) for the washing solution container (4).

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